

ABSTRACT

A method and system for providing a user interface to real time interactive video services. The method and system allow interactive input from a viewer of the video services simultaneously with viewing the video services. The method and system also allows an interactive response to the viewer from the interactive application. To present betting information in an attractive format and maximize the information available to the bettor, a user interface to the real-time service is required. With regard to real-time betting, the bettor is presented information concerning the betting opportunities and the betting window. Since most bettors prefer to have as much information as possible prior to betting, they prefer to wait until the last possible moment to bet. The disclosed embodiments provide the bettor with betting window information and the latest information concerning the prospective wagers. Moreover, the user interface is designed to provide such information in a manner that both attracts the attention of the bettor and provides the information in a useful, easy to follow and navigate format. The betting server checks the data transmission speed so that all users can have an adequate betting window. Users will receive confirmation of attempted bets. In WAP equipped mobile stations, betting can be accomplished across a wireless Internet connection. For example, bettors using GSM mobile stations can receive information by short message services through GSM SC.